

# SEA TURTLE STRANDING AND SALVAGE NETWORK – STRANDING REPORT

**OBSERVER'S NAME / ADDRESS / PHONE:**  
 First \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_  
 Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Area code/Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

**STRANDING DATE:**  
 Year 20\_\_ \_\_ Month \_\_ \_\_ Day \_\_ \_\_  
 Turtle number by day \_\_ \_\_  
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*State coordinator must be notified within 24 hrs:  
 this was done by*  phone (561)575-5407  
 email  fax (561)743-6228

**SPECIES: (check one)**  
 CC = Loggerhead  
 CM = Green  
 DC = Leatherback  
 EI = Hawksbill  
 LK = Kemp's ridley  
 LO = Olive ridley  
 UN = Unidentified  
*Check Unidentified if not positive. Do Not Guess.*  
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 Photos taken?  Yes  No  
 Species verified by state coordinator?  Yes  No

**STRANDING LOCATION:**  Offshore (Atlantic or Gulf beach)  Inshore (bay, river, sound, inlet, etc)  
 State \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_  
 Descriptive location (be specific) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Latitude \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude \_\_\_\_\_

**CONDITION: (check one)**  
 0 = Alive  
 1 = Fresh dead  
 2 = Moderately decomposed  
 3 = Severely decomposed  
 4 = Dried carcass  
 5 = Skeleton, bones only

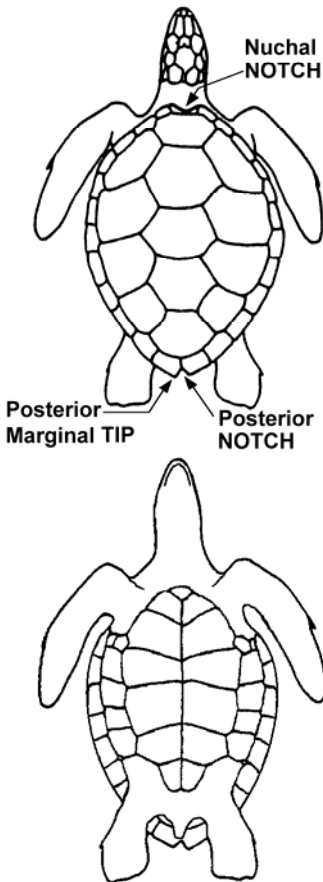
**FINAL DISPOSITION: (check one)**  
 1 = Left on beach where found; painted?  Yes\*  No(5)  
 2 = Buried:  on beach /  off beach;  
 carcass painted before buried?  Yes\*  No  
 3 = Salvaged:  all /  part(s), what/why? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 = Pulled up on beach/dune; painted?  Yes\*  No  
 6 = Alive, released  
 7 = Alive, taken to rehab. facility, where? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 8 = Left floating, not recovered; painted?  Yes\*  No  
 9 = Disposition unknown, explain \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
*\*If painted, what color? \_\_\_\_\_*

**SEX: (check one)**  
 Immature, undetermined  
 Female  Male  
 How was sex determined?  
 Necropsy  
 Tail length (adult only)  
 Length of tail beyond carapace \_\_\_\_\_ cm / in

**TAGS: Contact state coordinator before disposing of any tagged animal!!**  
 Flipper tags present?  Yes  No  
**Check all 4 flippers.** If found, record tag number(s) / tag location / return address  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 PIT tag scan?  Yes  No  
 If found, record number / tag location  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Coded wire tag scan?  Yes  No  
 If positive response, record location (flipper)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Checked for living tag?  Yes  No  
 If found, record location (scute number & side)  
 \_\_\_\_\_

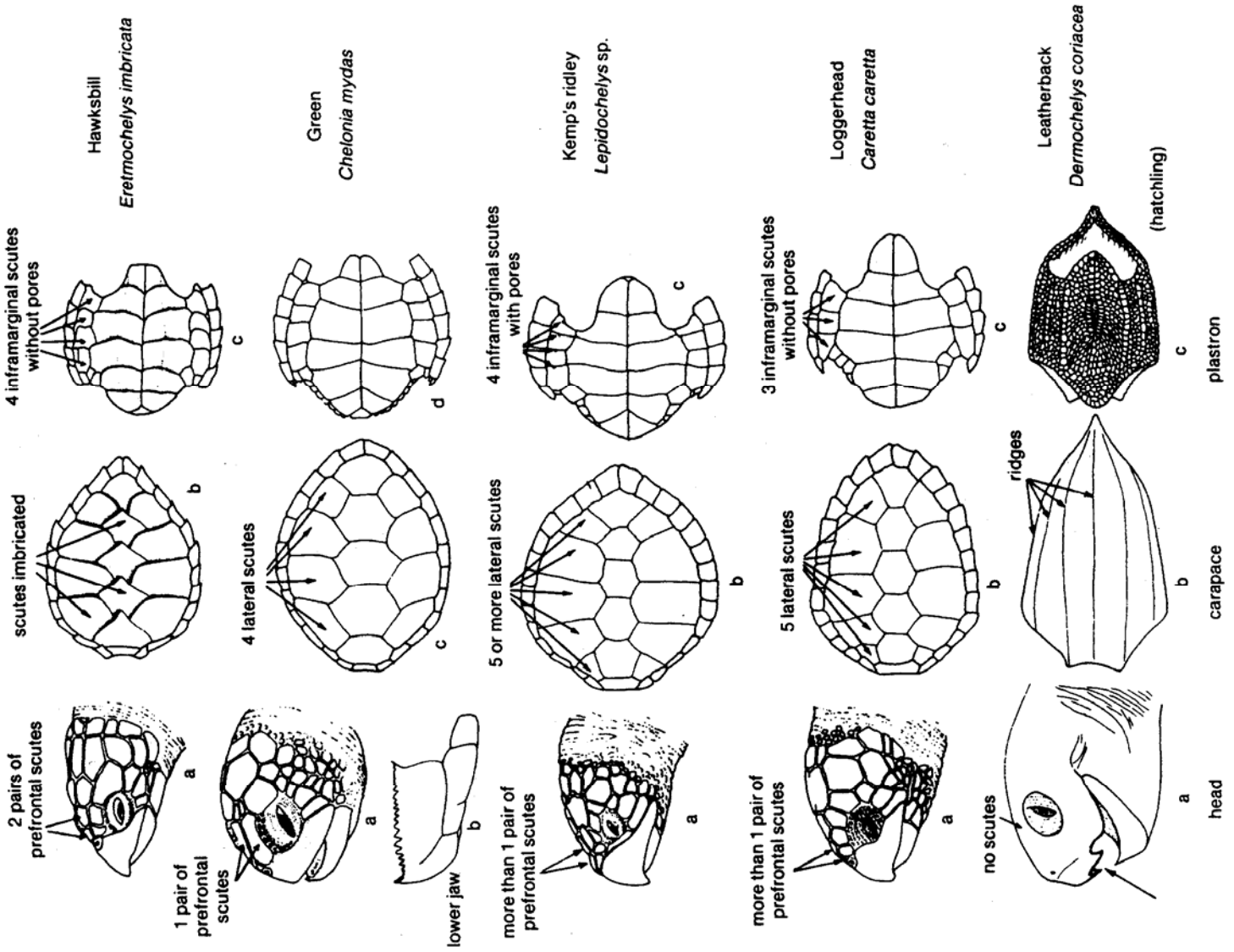
**CARAPACE MEASUREMENTS: (see drawing)**

<b>Using calipers</b>	Circle unit
Straight length (NOTCH-TIP)	_____ cm / in
Minimum length (NOTCH-NOTCH)	_____ cm / in
Straight width (Widest Point)	_____ cm / in
<b>Using non-metal measuring tape</b>	Circle unit
Curved length (NOTCH-TIP)	_____ cm / in
Minimum length (NOTCH-NOTCH)	_____ cm / in
Curved width (Widest Point)	_____ cm / in
<b>Weight</b> <input type="checkbox"/> actual / <input type="checkbox"/> est.	Circle unit _____ kg / lb



Mark wounds / abnormalities on diagrams at left and describe below (note tar or oil, gear or debris entanglement, propeller damage, epibiota, papillomas, emaciation, etc.). **Please note if no wounds / abnormalities are found.**  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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PICTURE GUIDE TO SPECIES OCCURRING IN THE AREA



PLEASE FAX TO (561)743-6228, THEN PLEASE USE AN ENVELOPE AND MAIL ORIGINAL FORM TO:

FLORIDA STSSN COORDINATOR  
 FLORIDA FISH & WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
 FISH & WILDLIFE RESEARCH INSTITUTE  
 19100 SE FEDERAL HIGHWAY  
 TEQUESTA, FL 33469